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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Since this will result in my having to pay over \$300 per year just for the mandatory fee, it will place a disproportionate burden upon myself and other low use or low or fixed income customers. That amount would be increasing my costs by 40%.

Please do not raise the rates.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Theresa Pizzuto

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